



# First Baptist Church

*A Place To Belong*

## **Worship Service for Sunday, October 3, 2021**

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*\*Please stand as you are able whether you are participating at home or in the sanctuary.*

### **We Gather as God's People**

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**Silent Prayer:** Almighty God, if you are for us, who is against us? You did not withhold your own Son, but gave him up for all of us. Who will bring any charge against us? You are the one who justifies. Who might condemn us? Jesus, who is at your right hand, and intercedes for us. May neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Beneath the Cross of Jesus  
(Lau)

Mark Anderson

Opportunities for Life and Service

Chris Senger

\*The Introit

“God is Here”

(Ode to Joy, #1)

**God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**

\*Call to Worship

Chris Senger

Leader: Welcome in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## **We Approach God**

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\*Hymn of Praise

“O Worship the King”

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**O worship the King all glorious above,  
And gratefully sing his wonderful love:  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.**

**O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.**

**Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**

**Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail.  
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!**

Children’s Blessing

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## **We Listen to God**

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Scripture Reader

Brenda Beckman-Long

Epistle Lesson: James 4:1-12

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 50

Leader: The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**All: Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.**

Leader: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

**All: The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.**

Leader: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High. Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

**All: But to the wicked God says: “What right have you to recite my statutes, or take my covenant on your lips?”**

Leader: “For you hate discipline, and you cast my words behind you. You sit and speak against your kin; you slander your own mother’s child.

**All: “These things you have done and I have been silent; you thought that I was one just like yourself.**

Leader: “But now I rebuke you, and lay the charge before you. Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honour me;

**All: “To those who go the right way, I will show the salvation of God.”**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

\* Gospel Lesson: Matthew 7:1-5

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“There Is One Judge”

Joel Russell-MacLean

## **We Celebrate**

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\*Hymn of Preparation

“Refiner’s Fire”

Brian Doerksen

**Purify my heart, let me be as gold  
And precious silver.**

**Purify my heart, let me be as gold,  
Pure gold.**

**Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire,  
Is to be holy: set apart for you, Lord.  
I choose to be holy. Set apart for you, my Master,  
Ready to do your will.**

**Purify my heart, cleanse me from within,  
And make me holy  
Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin –  
Deep within.**

**Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire,  
Is to be holy: set apart for you, Lord.  
I choose to be holy. Set apart for you, my Master,  
Ready to do your will.**

\*Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ God’s only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is right and good, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Lord, Holy Father, Creator of heaven and earth... We praise you, joining the angels of heaven, all our sisters and brothers around the world, and the faithful departed..., saying:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is Jesus who came and will come again in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayers of the People

Joel Russell-MacLean

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Words of Consecration

Minister: Lord Jesus Christ, you came to set us free from sin, death and the devil. With love, we offer ourselves to you, fully and completely, as living sacrifices, as we proclaim the good news:

**All: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

## Our Gifts and Offerings

Joel Russell-MacLean

Minister: Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we take this bread and cup as genuine symbols of the body and blood of Jesus. Unite us to Jesus and bring us, in the end, with all the faithful, to resurrection and everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

## Communion

Music for Communion

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace  
As the Deer  
(arr. Lloyd Larson)

Matthew Field

## **We Respond to God**

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\*Hymn for Departing

“I am Thine, O Lord”

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**I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me;  
But I long to rise in the arms of faith, and be closer drawn to thee.**

**Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To the cross where thou hast died;  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To thy precious, bleeding side.**

**Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the pow’r of grace divine;  
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in Thine.**

**Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To the cross where thou hast died;  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To thy precious, bleeding side.**

**O, the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I spend,  
When I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend!**

**Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To the cross where thou hast died;  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To thy precious, bleeding side.**

**There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea;  
There are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with thee.**

**Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To the cross where thou hast died;  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To thy precious, bleeding side.**

\*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

O Worship the King  
(Hughes)

Mark Anderson

Thank you to Matthew Field who helped lead us in worship this morning on his trumpet.

For those of you on Zoom, after the Music for Departing, a few smaller breakout groups will be formed. There is no obligation to stay if you need to be going. If you wish to take part, simply remain on Zoom to be invited to a group and hear how others are doing.